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Hon. John H. Howe
City of Sunnyvale
456 W. Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

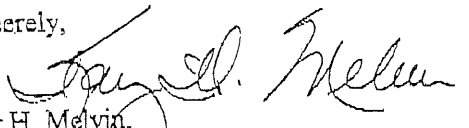
Dear Mayor Howe:

Thank-you for your letter of August 18th, in which you outline the budgetary situation and the conditions under which the Sunnyvale Center of Innovation, Invention and Ideas must operate in order to continue as a Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program Partnership facility. As you noted, we have discussed the issues that you raise several times before. Unfortunately, as explained in my letter of March 26th, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is unable to eliminate the Partnership PTDL subscription fee of \$30,000 for the City of Sunnyvale.

It is our hope that the Sunnyvale Public Library will remain a Patent and Trademark Depository Library and receive the daily support from the USPTO that the other eighty-three libraries in the network receive. This support includes a toll-free number for librarian support, all USPTO print and electronic publications, a *Cassis* workstation, access to the PubWEST database, and yearly training on changes in intellectual property law and procedures. The only financial obligations for PTDLs are 1) a yearly statutory fee of \$50 and 2) the cost of sending one representative to a yearly training seminar at our USPTO headquarters. By remaining in the PTDL Program the City of Sunnyvale will be able to continue to receive quality intellectual property services that support the inventor and business community in Silicon Valley.

I wish to acknowledge the remarkable accomplishments of the Sunnyvale Public Library staff over the past ten years as a Partnership PTDL. Their hard work and dedication set a high quality standard for the delivery of intellectual property information. Once you reach a final decision regarding Partnership status, please contact Ms. Amanda Putnam regarding the steps to be taken to close the Center.

Sincerely,


Kay H. Melvin,
Executive for Customer Information Services